Encouragement of Private Enterprises in Power Sector

*178. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage private enterprise in Powerloom Sector (Economic Times dated 23-6-92); and

(b) whether Government will ensure that some of the sick units of NTC etc., are handed over to Powerloom Weavers' Co-operatives at the earliest and help them in marketing both in India & abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government do not have any such proposal under consideration.

Missing targets on infrastructural sectors

*179. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Economic Times dated 4th June, 1992 on mising targets on infra-structural sectors like coal, fertilizers, petroleum etc.; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Whilst the target was not achieved in the case of Petroleum, Fertilizer and Cement sectors; it was achieved for Power, Coal, Steel, Railways, Cargo handled at major ports and key areas of Telecommunication.

(b) The progress in key infrastructure sectors is closely monitored and all possible measures are taken to achieve the designated targets.

Refurbishing in Shaktiman Vehicles

*180. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Shaktiman vehicles are lying with the Army which require immediate refurbishing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Directorate General of Weapons and Equipments in the Army Headquarters has been contemplating to place indents for refurbishing these Shaktiman Vehicles to a private firm despite the Government's Vehicles Factory at Jabalpur being agreeable to do it at a cheaper rate than the said private firm quoted; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. All wheeled vehicles, including Shaktiman, are disposed of on the completion of the laid down kilometrage/vintage.

(b)In the context of resources crunch, the Army Hqrs. are undertaking a preliminary examination whether Shaktiman vehicles can be economically refurbished for further use in the Army.

(c) Does not arise.

Amount realised for Defence land near Jhansi Fort

1012. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the action initiated and results achieved towards recovery of damages, etc. on account of encroachments on the defence lands near Jhansi Fort;

(b) whether the market value based on current standard table rent has not been realised;

(c) whether action for eviction and recovery of damages has not been initiated yet for the encroached defence lands in Lucknow and Kanpur; and

(d) if so, what is the factual position and also the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Notices under Section 4 of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants. Act 1971 have been served on the four encroachers on Defence land near Jhansi Fort. The eviction proceedings are under process. Under Section 8 of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act 1971, the Estate Officer will be making an assessment of damages recoverable on passing of the eviction orders, taking into account the period for which the land has been under unauthorised occupation and the rent that would have been realised if the land had been leased on rent for the period of unauthorised occupation.

(c) and (d) There are encroachment in Lucknow on land under the control of the Cantonment Board as well as the Defence Estates Officer (DEO), Lucknow. The DEO Lucknow has initiated action in all the 387 cases of encroachments. One encroachment has been physically removed. There are 513 encroachments on the lands under the control of the Cantonment Board Lucknow. Action has been initiated against these encroachments by the Cantonment Executive Officer.

There are 1806 encroachments on land under the control of the Defence Estates Officer, Central Command, in Kanpur. Action has been initiated for the eviction of these encroachments. In nine cases the encroachments have been removed. There are 200 encroachments on the lands under the management of the Kanpur Cantonment Board. Eviction orders in all these cases have been issued by the Cantonment Board Executive Officer.

In the case of all these encroachments, assessment of damages will be made by the concerned authorities at the appropriate stage.

Procurement of Boots for Armed Forces

1013. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of procurement made for DMS and Ankel boots during the past two years from the Ordnance Equipment Factory by the armed forces;

(b) what are the details of their prices and cost of such procurement;

(c) whether it is a fact that installed capacity in other public sectors are not being used for the production of similar kinds of boots by the defence authorities; and

(d) if so, the facts and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) During 1990-91 and 1991-92 4 lakh Boot Ankle GP and 4 lakh Boot Ankle DMS were procured from the Ordinance Equipment Factory.

(b) The cost per pair of Boot Ankle GP was Rs. 213 in 1990-91 and Rs. 311 in 1991-92. The cost per pair of Boot Ankle DMS was Rs. 195 in 1990-91 and Rs. 248 to Rs. 280 in 1991-92.

(c) and (d) After booking the capacity of the Ordnance Equipment Factory, orders are placed on PSUs for the balance quantities, on the basis of guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises regarding purchases from PSUs. Only if they are unable to accept the order for any reason the procurement is made through DGS&D.